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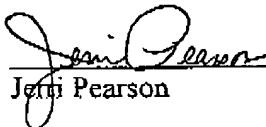
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**Serial No.:** 09/540,308      **Art Unit:** 2666  
**Filed:** March 31, 2000      **Examiner:** Robert C. Scheibel  
**Title:** Method and Apparatus for Routing Alarms in a Signaling Carrier

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